# THE EXCITER

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## VHF AND UP

The annual summer Sporadic E season is upon the 50 mc gang and there have been band openings almost every day the past few weeks.

The following will no doubt be an incentive for many of the gang to brush up on their CW if they still want to use some of their crystals. Official Bulletin Nr. 751 from ARRL HQ states: In its Second Report and order in Docket 12485, FCC on 27 April (1960) granted ARRL petitions in part by setting aside 50.0 to 50.1 and 147.9 to 148.0 MC for A1 operation only, effective 6 June 1960. Full details in June QST.

The above action means that all bands below 54 mc will have a CW-only portion at the low end of each band. However, 97.5% of six meters is still left for exotic modulation.

Have you listened lately to WWV? When you do, you'll be sure there's something wrong with the transmitter. During the 2nd and 3rd minute, instead of the usual tone, there is a new high data rate type of signal which sounds like a weirdy.

And, in case your hi-fi set is as good as you think it is, you might be on the lookout for WWVL on 20 KC from Boulder, Colo. Power will soon be upped to 300 KW.

That fellow in Sputnik IV is no dummy: he's a CW man. Signals on 19.995 mc are well received for up to 13 minutes without sky-wave assist. The signal consists of slow A's, J's and a burst of dits. Sometimes the note sounds like a train whistle (Chirpy, not doppler shift).

Cal Graf, W5LFM

## DX NOTES

Two big events in the world of DX took place last month. First, on the bright side, W4KVX has resumed publication of his very fine weekly news magazine, DX. After the disastrous fire last winter which wiped out Don's print shop, office, ham shack and TV Repair shop and nearly destroyed his house trailer, he published his first copy of the new DX magazine on April 22. This amazing and most welsome recovery was made possible through the contributions of DXers the world over; by the personal labor of the Ohio Valley ARA members; and by Don's own refusal to give in after all was lost. For a most heartwarming story of true ham spirit in action, read the first issue of the new DX.

On the darker side, the second big event was the failure of the Malpelo Islands DX-pedition. The Malpelo group, some 200 miles West of Colombia, almost certainly would have been recognized as a new country for DXCC. The gang got to Malpelo and actually succeeded in landing a generator; but rough seas and a series of mischances kept them from getting any more equipment ashore. They're home now; but already talking of another try to put those rocks on the air.

For real adventure its hard to beat a DX-pedition. In recent years, intrepid DX-peditioners have been lost at sea, shipwrecked, caught in the midst of a revolution, frozen, arrested, chased by hostile native tribesmen, and even stalked by wild animals—all for the fun of being rare DX, and giving us stay-at-homes a new country! Until then, 73 and DX!

Lan, W5LGG

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## MOBILE

Plans are now underway for all mobiles to leave San Antonio, Friday morning, June 17th to motor in a caravan to the West Gulf ARRL CONVENTION, being held in Dallas. Several of the mobles now being equipped with 53 Mc are: W5FGA, W5LVE, W5VPQ, W5TSE, W5FND, and K5RBA.

Frances, W5KQG, has a new mobile receiver which forced her to up the input power from two to four watts. Didn't know Studebakers could operate on four watts.

Willard, W5FND, and Mary, K5 PDI, have a new ELMAC AF68 to supplement their 53 Mc FM Communication for mobile operation. Installation is in the final stages and completion date is scheduled in time for operation on the way to Dallas. Heads (1) will roll if the target date is missed and it won't be Mary's.

Some of the San Antonio gang are looking forward to the transmitter hunts at the convention. See you in Dallas.

73, Gene, W5EJT

## GUTTER DOPE

W5IBN will be off the air for several weeks. He is painting the ham shack.

George, W5VPQ, had the misfortune of losing his tower during a redent wind storm. But with the help of friends he has it back up better than ever.

The date for the South Texas Emergency Net Convention has been set for August 26, 27 and 28. It will be held in Kerrville again this year.

Bill, K5LCP, from Schulenburg, says he enjoys the Exciter very much, especially the VHF section.

Basil Butler, W5CCL, who joined silent keys May 17 will long be remembered and very sadly missed by those who knew him. There will never be another Basil.

George, W5SFK, has a most unusual pet which follows him around. What? A baby Javalina. Could he be training it to guard his "loot locker"?

The Exciter now has a circulation of over 1,000.

We hear on the Grapevine that Wedding Bells yill soon be ringing for Newt, K5PIB.

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## GUTTER DOPE (Cont.)

are W5DRO, W5EJT, K5HVM, K5IEG, W5EJR and W5SFK. Forty-six mobiles took part in the operation plus three fixed stations.

A photo of Willard, W5FND, was in the May issue of the Dallas Monitor.

A photo of the Alamo YLs was in the May issue of the Dallas Monitor.

Cal Graf, W5LFM, had an article on "The Log-Periodic Antenna" in the May issue of "Electronics World."

Br. Hamm, W5FMG, St. Mary's University, is spending the summer at Oak Ridge, Tenn, making big ones out of little ones.

## THIRD PARTY

The following are countries which we, as Amateurs, may engage in two-way communications and pass along THIRD-PARTY MESSAGES — that is, phone patches, or allow a third party to use our microphone.

1. Canada
2. Honduras
3. Chili
4. Costa Rico
5. Cuba
6. Ecuador
7. Haiti
8. Liberia
9. Mexico
10. Nicaragua
11. Panama
12. Peru
13. Venezuela
14. All U.S. Possessions

The foregoing data is an extract from recent issues of QST.

## AUCTION

An "AUCTION" is planned for our June 3, 1960 meeting. Chuck, K5AIU, president of the Six-Meter Club has volunteered, with his boys, to assist in this auction. We will have as our guests, the Six-Meters Boys. They will participate with us and with the combined efforts, this should be a real "doozy". A real science is attached to this Special Event so bring your check book and odd change and pick up those goodies you've been looking for.

P. S. Some of these items may look exactly like MARS issue, but, relax, they are not.

## PROGRAM

Cole Crump, your Program Chairman, has an urgent need for talent which can be converted into program material. If you know of, or wish to present, or show pictures, or can, in anyway, provide information leading to a suitable program, please contact me at DI 2-8766 or Willard, PE 2-1386. It is believed that a real good program once a month during the summer will be adequate. The exciter will be used to call your attention to the future programs.

Cole, W5DKF

## W5KQG

Frances Hollifield Bruemmer became interested in ham radio while living in W8 land but did not receive her license until 1940 while living in Dallas. When she moved to San Antonio in 1945, she was the only licensed YL in the city for many years.

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Frances is a member of the ALAMO YLs and used to be quite active in the San Antonio Radio Club. Her rig consists of an NC183 and Collins 32V. Frances and her OM, Johnnie, W5LVE, just recently moved into a new QTH at 1934 Arroya Vista and her rig is not on the air. But Frances assures us she will be working all bands soon.

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

At 0900 hours, 4 June 1960, the members of the Board are requested to attend a meeting to be held at Skippers Restaurant, opposite the entrance to the Municipal Airport on North West Loop 13. Members of the board are Jimmie Rives, Eugene Jank, Theo Jett, Les Essington, James D. King.

This is the first meeting of the board during the Clubs calendar year. Your presence is required so that we may satisfactorily resolve some of the problems at hand. Of primary interest is a change in our Constitution to obtain a reduction in our mailing costs. We hope to have Mr. Carl Mueller to help us.

Willard Carmack, W5FND
President

## OUT OF TOWN

The Exciter mailing is now in excess of 1,000, with 490 mailings going to all points of Texas. This is all invitation to our out of town colleagues to send to the Editor, P. O. Box 62, San Antonio, Texas the items of interest from amateurs in and around your community. These articles should relate to Amateur Radio if at all possible. There is an excellent chance that your item will be published. In addition, if you can furnish a 2¼" x 3½" (620 film) black and white picture of yourself, along with a feature article comprising a typewritten page, 8½" x 11", on some electronic subject, it will be reviewed for publishing.

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